

REMARKS

In light of the requirement for election of one of the species of the invention identified as Species (A) a liquid crystal display in which rubbing directions of first and second alignment films are substantially parallel to each other (claims 1 and 1/4-8), and Species (B) a liquid crystal display in which rubbing directions of first and second alignment films are substantially anti-parallel to each other (claims 2-3, 2/4-8 and 3/4-8), Applicants elect Species (A).

By the present amendment, Applicants have amended claim 2 to be dependent from claim 1 while reciting features falling within Species (A), have canceled claim 3 without prejudice to the right to file a Divisional application directed thereto and have amended the multiple dependent claims so as to only depend from claims 1 or 2 or the dependent claims thereof. Thus, Applicants submit that by the present amendment, all claims remaining in this application are directed to the elected Species (A) and favorable consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. This marked-up version is on the attached pages, the first page of which is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.37242CX2) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) An active matrix liquid crystal display device
[comprising:
- first and second substrates;
 - a liquid crystal layer disposed between said first and second substrates;
 - plural image signal lines and scan signal lines are formed on the substrate, and each pixel region being formed by adjacent image signal lines and adjacent scan signal lines having at least an active device;
 - at least a pixel electrode connected to the active device and at least a counter electrode in each pixel, the pixel electrode and the counter electrode are on the first substrate;
 - a first alignment film formed over the pixel electrode and counter electrode on the first substrate at least in the pixel forming region; and
 - a second alignment film formed on the second substrate at least in the pixel forming region;]
- according to claim 1, wherein an initial pre-tilt angle of liquid crystal molecules at upper and lower interfaces of the liquid crystal layer are set so as to be in a splay state.

Please amend claims 4 and 5 as follows:

4. (Amended) An active matrix liquid crystal display device according to claim 1[, or 2[, or 3], wherein the active matrix liquid crystal display has normally-black mode.

5. (Amended) An active matrix liquid crystal display device according to claim 1[, or 2[, or 3], wherein a view angle range of a contrast ratio of at least 10 to 1 is within a range of all-directional coverage as tilted by at least 40 degrees from a vertical direction with respect to a display plane.